

Benefits of the NYC Envirothon

We all know students love spending the school day outside their school building! But, here are some benefits associated with participating in the NYC Envirothon:

- an outdoor, hands-on learning experience that challenges high school students to explore their knowledge of aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife
- a chance to debate environmental controversies through role-playing
- a practical application of research analysis and evaluation skills to address natural resource issues
- an opportunity to meet with science experts and professionals working in natural resource management in New York City
- a chance to compete in the State Envirothon and the North American Envirothon



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New York City Envirothon

Friday, April 25, 2025

Rockefeller Park,

Battery Park City Park

Chambers Street at the Hudson River



An outdoor, hands-on competition in environmental sciences for NYC high school students



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What is an Envirothon?

The Envirothon is a national outdoor, hands-on environmental science competition for high school students in grades 9 through 12.

Winning teams, each representing a single high school from each of the five boroughs of NYC (and each county in the rest of the State), compete at the State Envirothon, with the State winner advancing to the national level.

The Envirothon competition involves five subject categories in which teams are tested: Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and a Current Issue that changes every year. Each of these categories are represented at separate stations through which the teams must cycle.

Students demonstrate their understanding of each subject category by utilizing professional instruments in supervised, hands-on analyses involving the water, soil and forest at the event site. Students must also give a group oral presentation on the Current Issue.



Current Issue 2025 Roots & Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change

The Current Issue for 2025 will test students' understanding of the role forest canopies play in ecological richness, societal well-being, and economic vitality and how forest canopy is impacted by climate change and the importance of forest stewardship in ways that honors traditional ways and knowledge.

Group Oral Presentation Station

The “Role-Play” or “Oral Presentation” station is focused on problem solving for a hypothetical environmental dispute related to this year's Current Issue topic.

Team members, each representing a different constituent, must defend their support or dissent in oral presentations to a panel of judges.

Preparing Students for the Competition

The NYC Soil and Water Conservation District offers free online resources for students to prepare for the competition. We may offer a weekend workshop in March 2025 to give students the opportunity to become familiar with instruments and equipment.



How to Participate

Registration is required.

A team of 4 to 5 students in grades 9 through 12 from any school in NYC—public, charter, private or parochial—may participate. **It is FREE: there are no costs involved.**

A teacher must serve as an advisor and will register the team of students.

Register online from our website at www.soilandwater.nyc/nyc-envirothon.html .

Registration closes at **5PM on Monday, February 10th**. Please contact Sasha Ban at education@soilandwater.nyc for more information.